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8 BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 In the Matter of) FPPC No: 05/775
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14 GEORGE RUNNER, FRIENDS OF GEORGE) STIPULATION, DECISION and
15 RUNNER, and RITA BURLESON,) ORDER
16 Respondents.)
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19 Complainant Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and
20 Respondents George Runner, Friends of George Runner, and Rita Burleson hereby agree that this
21 stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next
22 regularly scheduled meeting.

23 The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this
24 matter, and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to
25 determine the liability of Respondents.

26 Respondents understand and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all procedural
27 rights set forth in sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in sections 18361.1
28 through 18361.9 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the

1 right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an
2 attorney at Respondents' own expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the
3 hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, and to have an impartial administrative law
4 judge preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the matter judicially reviewed.

5 Respondents further stipulate and agree that Respondents George Runner, Friends of George
6 Runner, and Rita Burleson violated the Political Reform Act by making contributions to candidates for
7 elective office from surplus campaign funds, in violation of section 89519 of the Government Code (1
8 count), as described in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, as though
9 fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

10 Respondents agree to the issuance of the decision and order, which is attached hereto.
11 Respondents also agree to the Commission imposing upon them an administrative penalty in the amount
12 of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500). A cashier's check from Respondents in said amount,
13 made payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with this stipulation as full
14 payment of the administrative penalty, and shall be held by the State of California until the Commission
15 issues its decision and order regarding this matter. The parties agree that in the event the Commission
16 refuses to accept this stipulation, it shall become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days
17 after the Commission meeting at which the stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents
18 in connection with this stipulation shall be reimbursed to Respondents. Respondents further stipulate
19 and agree that in the event the Commission rejects the stipulation, and a full evidentiary

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1 hearing before the Commission becomes necessary, neither any member of the Commission, nor the
2 Executive Director, shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this stipulation.

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Mark Krausse
Executive Director
Fair Political Practices Commission

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8 Dated: _____

George Runner, Respondent

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10 Dated: _____

Rita Burleson, individually and on behalf of Friends of
George Runner, Respondents

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DECISION AND ORDER

14 The foregoing stipulation of the parties “In the Matter of George Runner, Friends of George
15 Runner, and Rita Burleson, FPPC No. 05/775,” including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the
16 final decision and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by
17 the Chairman.

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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21 Dated: _____

Liane M. Randolph, Chairman
Fair Political Practices Commission